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PROPOSALS

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1. BORN 8-19-39 IN MILAN RED SUBURB OF SESTO SAN GIOVANNI, BIANCHI IS MARRIED AND FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN. EARNED DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1969 FROM MILAN'S CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS TAUGHT HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY AT HIGH SCHOOL IN HIS NATIVE SESTO SAN GIOVANNI.

2. SINCE 1972 BIANCHI HAS HEADED REGIONAL CHRISTIAN TRADE UNION (ACLI) MOVEMENT, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS SOME 60,000. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FROM 1965-70.

3. IN ADDITION, BIANCHI IS EDITOR OF RESPECTED MAGAZINE ANIMAZIONE SOCIALE AND WRITES REGULARLY ON SOCIAL-POLITICAL MATTERS IN A NUMBER OF CATHOLIC JOURNALS. FURTHERMORE, HE HAS AUTHORED BOOKS ON YOUTH, ON THE POLITICS OF DISSENT AND HAS PUBLISHED A NOVEL AND A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF POEMS.

BIANCHI HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED TO THE FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TIENTO FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR ON
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THE STRENGTH OF HIS DYNAMIC SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THEIR

HIGH INTELLECTUAL CONTENT.

4. BIANCHI SPEAKS LITTLE ENGLISH AND WILL REQUIRE INTERPRETER-ESCORT. GRANTEE IS ENERGETIC AND WOULD PROFIT FROM INTENSE PROGRAM.

5. BIANCHI'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT HAS BEEN IN INSPIRING AND REVITALIZING SLUMBERING CATHOLIC LABOR MOVEMENT IN REGION. COMING FROM SESTO SAN GIOVANNI, A TOWN CALLED QUOTE THE LENINGRAD OF ITALY UNQUOTE FOR ITS STAUCH ADHERENCE TO MARXISM, BIANCHI HAS INFUSED A STRONG SENSE OF SOCIAL CONGEN INTO CATHOLIC POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS, THEREBY GENERATING NON-MARXIST ALTERNATIVES.

6. DURING 30 DAY GRANT PERIOD, SUGGEST PRIMARY PROGRAM EMPHASIS BE ON RELEVANT ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT AS WELL AS ON CHURCH RELATED SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS. WHILE BIANCHI NATURALLY WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE AMERICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH REGARD TO ATTER THEME, HE ALSO INTERESTED IN ROLE OF OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS. ON ROMAN CATHOLIC SIDE, HOPE BIANCHI MIGHT ENGAGE IN EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH RESEARCHERS AT NATIONAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER OF CATHOLIC DIRECTORY (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO). CENTER ORGINATED HIGHLY INTERESTING STUDY ENTITLED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN DECLINING CHURCH (AUTHORS: ANDREW GREELEY, WILLIAM MCCREDAY AND CATHLEEN MCCOURT) WHICH DEMONSTRATED NEGATIVE IMPACT OF CHURCH POLICY ON RELIGIOUS ADHERENCE, A LESSON IN CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS OF POTENTIAL IMPORT TO ITALY.

7. IN LBAOR FIELD, GRANTEE MOST INTERESTED IN AUTO INDUSTRY AND INDUSTRIES INVOLVING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES. SUGGEST CONTACT WITH UNITED AUTO WORKERS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AND DETROIT FOR IN DEPTH VIEW OF UAW. AS SOCIOLOGIST, BIANCHI ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN NEW TRENDS IN LABOR MOVEMENTS (E.G. IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKING CONDITIONS, 4 DAY WEEK, ETC. AS PART OF WAGE NEGOTIATION PROCESS). ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT BIANCHI BE EXPOSED TO UNION NEGOTIATORS INVOLVED IN MAJOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

8. WHILE IN WASHINGTON SUGGEST BIANCHI MEET ONE CONGRESSMAN REPRESENTING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. GRANTEE'S POLICITCAL INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTS ALSO INVOLVE ELECTORAL PROCESS AND WE HOPE HE MAY LATER VIEW UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN FROM PERSPENTIVE OF SAME CONGRESSMAN'S HOME DISTRICT. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST GRANTEE VIEW STATE PRIMARY ELECTION. AMONG MOST INTERESTING RECOMMEND NEBRASKA OR WEST VIRGINIA (MAY 11), MICHIGAN (MAY 18) OR OREGON (MAY 25).

9. BIANCHI ALSO INTERESTED IN VIEWING SMALL TOWN ADMINIS-

TRATION (HOW CONCERNS SUCH AS EDUCATION, ROAD REPAIR, GARBAGE COLLECTION ETC. ARE DEALT WITH LOCALLY) AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE POLITICAL PARTY AT WORK AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL IN MAJOR URBAN CENTER. ONE SPECIAL INTEREST IS IN HOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OPERATES, DELIVERATES AND DECIDES SCHOOL POLICY.

10. SINCE BIANCHI'S OWN CONSTITUENCY ALSO INCLUDES AGRICULTURAL AREA SUGGEST TWO DAY HOME STAY IN FARM COMMUNITY WHERE GRANTEE MIGHT LOOK INTO SOCIAL CONCERNS AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO IOD#\$\$IT O SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RECOMMEND CONTACT WITH CEASAR CHAVEZ FARM WORKER'S MOVEMENT.

11. REGARDING CHURCH ACTIVITIES, BIANCHI WISHES CONTACT WITH WORKER PRIEST MOVEMENT (E.G. YOUNG JESUITS INVOLVED IN SOCIAL WORK IN GHETTO), MEETING WITH DOROTHY DAY AND MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT, AND WITH EDITORS OF COMMONWEAL MAGAZINE IN NEW YORK. HE ALSO SEEKS CONTACTS WITH PARISH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO OBSERVE ROLE OF CHURCH IN LOCALITY (NOT EXCLUSIVELY CATHOLIC CHURCH).

12. BOTH CONSUMER AND ENVIROMENTAL MOVEMENTS ARE OF MAJOR INTERST TO GRANTEE. HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HOW CONSUMER PROTECTS HIMEELF AND HOW LOCAL IRESSURE GROUPS CAMPAIGN FOR CONCRETE ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION. SUGGEST HE MEET WITH JAMES TURNER, FORMER NUDLSD DLOCiate AND NOW CONSUMER LAWYER, WASHINTON. ALSO SUGGEST BIANCHI OBSERVE CALIFORNIA ANTI-NUCLEAR POWER REFERENDUM CAMIAIGN FOR BOTH SIDES OF THAT STORY.

139 AS A CREATIVE WRITER, BIANCHI INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SERIOUS DRAMATIC PLAY (ON OR OFF-BROADWAY) AND PERHAPS MEETING WITH PROFESSOR OF LITERATURE OR SOME YOUTHFUL CREATIVE WRITERS

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14. AS SOCIOLOGIST, HE WISHES TO VISIT SEVERAL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES FOR TALKS WITH AMERICAN COLLEAGUES, ESPECIAL- LY THOSE INVOLVED IN SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS AND YOUTH RELATED RESEARCH. SINCE HE HAS WRITTEN ON YOUTH, SUGGEST HE MEET WITH KENNETH KENISTON (NEW HAVEN), SYDNEY HYMAN (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO), NATHAN GLAZER (HARVARD) AND POSSIBLY PAUL GOODMAN (NEW YORK) WHOSE WORK HAS HAD SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ITALY.

15. DURING COURSE OF VISIT, BIANCHI HOPES TO SPEND AT LEAST A COUPLE OF DAYS SEEING AMERICAN COUNTRYSIDE BY CAR AND WOULD LIKE WEEKEND IN NATIONAL PARK.

16. BESIDES NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, SUGGEST VISIT INNLUDE BOSTON, DENVER, DETRO T, HOUSTON, SAN FRANCISCO.

17. BIANCHI HOPES, IF TIME ALLOWS, TO VISIT REGIONAL T.V. STATION (NOT MAJOR NETWORK) TO SEE HOW NEWS PROGRAMS PUT TOGETHER. ON LIGHTER SIDE, HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HEAR SOME JAZZ.

18. AS LONG TIME TEACHER BIANCHI WISHES COMPARE NOTES WITH AT LEAST TWO HIGH SCHOOLS TO GET FEELING FOR U.S. SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM AND OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES. ONE OF SCHOOLS SHOULD BE IN MAJOR URBAN CENTER. AT ONE OF SCHOOLS SUGGEST CONTACT WITH TEACHERS' UNION AND IN ORDER TO COMBINE LABOR AND EDUCATION INTERESTS SUGGEST BIANCHI MEET ALSO WITH ALBERT SHANKER IN NEW YORK OR ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES.

19. FYI GRANTEE IS MODEST UNPRESUPPOSING INDIVIDUAL WITH LOW-KEY PERSONALITY, HIGH LEVEL OF PATIENCE WHOSE MANIFOLD TALENTS AND ENERGIES NOT APPARENT AT FIRST GLANCE.FINA

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